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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 15, 2007, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 15, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

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